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## ANSWERED PRAYER

BY JASON BOUCHER, DIRECTOR

It seems like we are constantly asking for prayer, especially before and during camp. I wondered if people would pray for us last summer when there was no camp. I've been so thankful to get phone calls, texts, and emails that people are praying for us — and that happens every day from some of you!

One has to ask, "Does prayer really work?"

To answer that I will share a short story from last summer.

With no camp, we decided to get all our power underground and remove the overhead lines. I called a previous camp director from BRBC and we walked around camp recalling where the current lines were underground — power, phone, gas, and sewer. We were diligent and called before we dug and got the current

underground lines marked. Trenching began. Shovelling happened. Wouldn't you know it, we hit a power line! In our defense though, it was only four inches deep. Did you read that? FOUR inches deep, and in the middle of the camp! We play games and have stuck rods in the ground in that area. No one was hurt and nothing was damaged, both on that day and in all the years that camp has operated. That day we got a call from friends who pray for us every day and we were able to share that story and say, "Thanks." Maybe that's also you, praying for us each and every day. We say THANK YOU.

We saw prayer answered one year when we were getting lots of rain. The program director wanted activities outside, so we prayed that the rain would stop on our property. It did. Someone

from town was driving out and they said you could see on the road where the rain stopped and the sun was shining at the camp. Another time, the camp was spared during a major storm and tornado when 100 people crammed into our basement.

We have seen staff transformed, and fundraising happen so that we are debt-free on the new dining hall. We have seen vehicles provided and also enough staff to have camp. Want to hear more answered prayers? Give us a call.

I'd like to challenge you, would you commit to praying for BRBC daily? Praying for unity for the full-time staff. Praying for past, and hopefully current, campers. Praying for past summer staff and current staff. Praying for funds to come in so we can operate and do the upgrades that are needed. Pray for wisdom as we lead. ▼

## THE NEED FOR PRAYER

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SARA GABRIELSON

**H**ave you ever wondered why prayer is an important part of the life of a believer? God already knows what we need, so why does He invite us to pray?

1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." It is in laying down the cares of our heart that our true desires become evident, our motives become apparent, and the work of God can happen in the deeper places of our heart. He invites us because He cares for us, and didn't design us to carry our burdens alone.

Prayer acknowledges Who God is. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus opens with, "Our Father Who art in Heaven". I have sometimes

wondered about this phrase, why does He acknowledge where God is? In knowing Who God is, it is also important to know where He dwells, as it reminds us of His heavenly perspective and holiness. He sees the big picture as we carry our cares to Him. None of them are too big for Him, or catch Him by surprise, and yet, not one care is too insignificant for Him to care about.

In the act of prayer we commune with Him as friend with Friend. It becomes bigger than the mechanics of prayer, and faith becomes experiential as we encounter His all-sufficient grace for and in all things. Prayer is an act of faith, believing that God cares for me and the things that matter to me. ♦





Minister to those who feel alone. Help them to find fellowship with other believers however they can.

# A MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, with big changes in camp ministries, would You give the leadership of BRBC Your thoughts and ways.

Lord, please allow us to be able to run camp this summer. Be with our campers from previous summers and remind them of the things they have learned at camp.

Please give our people a desire and craving to open your Word and ask You to help them understand it.



Dear God, we pray for those who are gripped with fear. Remind them that their hope and security resides in You.



Would You, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, remind those who have been to camp the truths that they have learned about you.



Lord, please give the BRBC staff opportunities to share Your love with the surrounding communities, and give them boldness to proclaim Your name.

Dear God, please help believers in each community to bind together and encourage each other.



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## A MOMENT WITH STAFF



### A glimpse of the ministry BRBC has in the lives of staff who come and serve here.

**Q: How long have you been coming to BRBC? A:** Since I was 8 or 9.

**Q: What first brought you to camp? A:** My cousins recommended it. They came as campers the year before.

**Q: Why do you keep coming back? A:** Because I like meeting new people and learning more about God. It helps me focus on the Lord and often reminds me of why I chose to follow Him.

**Q: What are some of the different jobs you've had at camp? A:** LIT and cabin leading. I can't choose which was my favourite. Cabin leading built my confidence. I thought it would be harder than it was. I liked meeting people and making new friends and serving as an LIT.

**Q: How has BRBC impacted your spiritual walk? A:** I was saved at camp when I was 12. But I wasn't fully committed until last year, 2019.

**Q: How many years have you worked at camp? A:** One.

**Q: What are you doing right now to stay strong following Jesus? A:** Praying and reading my Bible and staying away from bad environments.

**Q: What is something you have learned in your time at BRBC? A:** Being around people has become easier and I have gained more confidence.

**Q: What are some of the challenges you have faced as staff? A:** People. I tend to be more introverted, so being around people all the time was challenging. ♦

► Pray for safety. Pray for a vision for new ideas & programs. Maybe you can set a daily reminder on your phone, and when the alarm goes off and someone asks what that alarm was for you can tell them about BRBC and perhaps they too would be encouraged to pray for us. Just an idea.

As we continue into another year with still much uncertainty, we don't know what the summer will look like at camp. Continue to pray that we can do camp, or if we can't, that the Lord will give us ideas and insight on how to use our facility effectively. ♦

# Intern

# Sarah Barclay

HEY EVERYONE! My name is Sarah Barclay and I'm currently interning at Big River Bible Camp. I'm from Newmarket, Ontario, and have been coming to camp since the summer of 2016.

Over the course of my internship I hope to learn more about full-time ministry, and how to share the Gospel through the way that I live!

I also hope to engage in the community through AWA-NA and youth groups, as well as find new ways to minister to Big River and its surrounding communities. ♦



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